

**House File 2006 - Introduced**

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BY BUSH

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the mailing of absentee ballots.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 53.8, subsection 1, paragraph a,  
2 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2022, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 Upon receipt of an application for an absentee ballot  
5 and immediately after the absentee ballots are printed, but  
6 not ~~more~~ earlier than ~~twenty~~ three business days before the  
7 twentieth day before the election, the commissioner shall mail  
8 an absentee ballot to the applicant within twenty-four hours,  
9 except as otherwise provided in subsection 3. The absentee  
10 ballot shall be sent to the registered voter by one of the  
11 following methods:

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 This bill relates to the mailing of absentee ballots. The  
16 bill allows a county commissioner of elections to begin mailing  
17 absentee ballots to voters who have requested them beginning  
18 the third business day before the twentieth day before the  
19 election. Current law provides that the commissioner shall  
20 mail an absentee ballot not more than 20 days before the  
21 election.